

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, and 22 were pending.

No claims are canceled.

5 No claims are added.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 are amended.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, and 22 are pending.

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

10 a first electronic device deriving a digital signature and associating the digital signature with a web page only if the web page includes code to invoke a control object; and

subsequent to associating the digital signature with the web page, the first electronic device delivering the web page to [[an]] a second electronic  
15 device capable of authenticating the digital signature such that the second electronic device ~~can execute~~ executes at least a portion of the web page after in response to authenticating the digital signature ~~is authenticated~~.

2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the associating

20 further comprises attaching the digital signature to the web page.

3. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

in an event that the web page does not include code to invoke the control object, the first electronic device delivering the web page without a digital signature.

4. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the web page includes a confirmation module that is used by the second electronic device to authenticate the digital signature.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the web page is generated in an active server page (ASP) environment.

7 - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising designating one or more sources of a web page authorized to invoke the control object.

11. - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the control object includes a confirmation module configured to authenticate the digital signature.

5           20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the confirmation module is further configured to determine if the web page comes from a source that is authorized to invoke the control object and the  
10       control object is invoked only if the source of the web page is authorized to invoke the control object.

22. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the confirmation module is called by the web page prior to the web page  
15       invoking the control object.

23. – 35. (Cancelled)

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